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THE SPEAKER'S WEEKEND EDITION

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À la Vivianne Lake Temiskaming series preparing for air in early '18

Diane Johnston
Speaker Reporter

DISTRICT – Keep an eye on community television in neighbouring Témiscamingue for a series featuring a local chef travelling around Lake Temiskaming.

Expedition: À la Vivianne features Vivianne Chartrand aboard the family's boat.

Filmed last summer, it showcases her preparing meals using local foods as she and husband Roger Chartrand explore Lake Temiskaming.

Along the way, they drop by Timiskaming First Nation, the North on Tap craft beer festival in Haileybury, the Riverside Farmers' Market in New Liskeard and the Foire gourmande in Ville-Marie.

Viewers will also see the islands of Lake Temiskaming and its lesser known nooks and crannies.

The series is part of a tourism campaign promoting Lake Temiskaming and the regional food sector.

It's a project of TV Témis, the French-language community television network headquartered in Notre-Dame-du-Nord.

The series is expected to air in the winter, probably in January and February, said TV Témis' Nadine Jutras.

Viewers in Quebec can see it on cable channels 97 and 22.

Ontario viewers will be able to watch it live-streamed or in the archives at TV Témis website.



A PROMISING WINTER
It looks like a great year for ice fishing on area lakes. Serge Bernard of New Liskeard, pictured here with his dogs RD and Bonnie, shares this ice hut with his brother Alain. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)

THE TEMISKAMING SPEAKER
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018

"Lucky to get out"
Carbon monoxide detector saves lives

KEEPING THE COLD AT BAY

Deadly day
Hwy. 11 crash claims life of New Liskeard man

3 PAYMENTS ON US

Speaker Sports

Whole game
Coach reminds Cubs to play 60 minutes

THE TEMISKAMING SPEAKER
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018

Keeping medicine real
New TDSS lab expands health care ed

DID YOU GET THE SPEAKER THIS WEEK?

Here are some of the stories in our JANUARY 10, edition...

- A New Liskeard man lost his life in a two-truck collision on Highway 11 south of Earlton last week.
- Carbon monoxide detectors are the law for homes with fuel-burning appliances, or with attached garages. A Cobalt family had a close call recently when a detector alarm went off.
- New Thornloe Cheese products aren't your usual cheddar and mozzarella.
- Fourteen years after its creation, the city has its final comprehensive zoning bylaw.
- Why not discover the beauty of wild Temiskaming from the comfort of a padded seat inside the historic Classic Theatre in Cobalt this weekend?
- On a dark and chilly night last week, Emma Marguerite Dobbs made her arrival and became the first baby born in the Temiskaming Shores area in 2018.
- Some New Liskeard area residents reported a whole lot of shaking going on January 7.
- Despite some extreme weather, the Tri-Town Ski & Snowboard Village is expected to welcome skiers, snowboarders and tube enthusiasts this weekend.
- The New Liskeard Cubs have a tough two-game weekend ahead of them.
- Dustin McCrank, formerly of Haileybury, was a linesman for the recent 2017-18 World Junior Championship held in Buffalo, New York.
- Our C-front this week features a story and photos on the Timiskaming District Secondary School medical simulation lab.

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Digital Creator Workshop in the Digital Creator Space, Haileybury Branch

Benjamin Chee Chee Recreation Workshop #1

Teens are welcome to join in for this workshop in which we will be recreating Northern Ontario artist Benjamin Chee Chee's work in a modern way with light painting.

Saturday, January 13
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. ages 9-14
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. ages 14-19

Please email Steve at temiskamingshores@digitalcreator.ca for more information and to register!

Digital Creator Workshop in the Digital Creator Space, New Liskeard Branch

Benjamin Chee Chee Recreation Workshop #2

Teens are welcome to join in for this workshop in which we will be recreating Northern Ontario artist Benjamin Chee Chee's work in a modern way with Adobe Illustrator.

Saturday, January 20
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. ages 14-19
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. ages 14-19

Please email Steve at temiskamingshores@digitalcreator.ca for more information and to register!

Digital Creator Workshop in the Digital Creator Space, New Liskeard Branch

Editing Found Footage Workshop

Teens are welcome to join in for this workshop in which we will be editing found footage with a specific message to deliver, either with footage provided by Digital Creator, or footage of their own.

Saturday, January 27
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. ages 14-19
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. ages 14-19

Please email Steve at temiskamingshores@digitalcreator.ca for more information and to register!

Family Story, Game and Play Time at the New Liskeard Branch

The Library is partnering with the Healthy Kids Community Challenge #PowerOffAndPlay to provide a bi-weekly family story and play time to encourage screen free time for parents and kids! The first session is on

Saturday, January 27 at 1:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.—story time (8 & under/preschoolers with adult)
2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.—board games to be played/pages to colour
2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.—active play time with different apparatus

This will be a fun time for the whole family! Call 705-647-4215 for more information

Les Liseuses à la succursale de New Liskeard

Le premier mardi du mois de 10 h 15 à 11 h 15 à la succursale de New Liskeard.

Le 6 février—Les fiancés du Pacifique par Jojo Moyes

Pour plus de renseignements composez le 705-647-4215 ou cpeddie@temisklibrary.com

Temiskaming Shores Public Library Bookclub at Both Branches of the Library

February's book pick is Ann Patchett's "State of Wonder." Need a copy? The library has two copies and we can order more through Inter-Library Loan! We will meet to discuss the book in early February.

Haileybury Branch: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 2:00 PM

New Liskeard Branch: Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 6:00 PM

Call (705) 672-3707 for more information

Gadget Helper at Both Branches of the Library

Gadget Helper is Back! Would you like to make better use of your devices? Want to improve your connection to the digital world? Come and get some help with the Gadget Helper!

What? One-on-One 45-minute session with a library clerk to help you with your electronic device (phone, iPad, laptop, Fitbit, tablet, or other)

When? Every Thursday at one of our local library branches

Cost? FREE!!

How? Call to book your appointment! Haileybury 705-672-3707 New Liskeard 705-647-4215

RB Digital Magazines

RB Digital Magazines gives you access to current issues of popular magazines to read on your computer, tablet, or smartphone. RB Digital at the Temiskaming Shores Public Library provides free, full-text digital access to over 50 titles of magazines, including such popular titles as Canadian Living, Cosmopolitan, Elle Canada, GQ, Men's Health, National Geographic, OK Magazine, Our Canada, Reader's Digest Canada, Quilting Arts, Zoomer and many more. Try it today at <https://www.rbdigital.com/canada50on/service/magazines/> or on the library's website! Have your 14 digit library card ready to log in and enjoy this great resource!

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TumbleBookLibrary Online

TumbleBookLibrary is an online collection of ebooks for children in grades K-6. Existing children's books are animated using the existing illustrations and adding audio narration. The collection includes old time favorites such as The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch, Diary of a Worm, How I Became a Pirate, Miss Malarkey Doesn't Live in Room 10, One Duck Stuck, as well as favourite fairy tales such as Jack and the Beanstalk and Old Mother Hubbard. To access, click the E-Resources tab on the library's website and scroll down to the TumbleBookLibrary information. Have your 14 digit library card ready to log in and enjoy this fun resource for kids!

To register or for more information about any of the Library's programs, call 705-647-4215 or 705-672-3707, see our facebook page, email NewLiskeard@temisklibrary.com or Haileybury@temisklibrary.com, visit our website at www.temisklibrary.com, or visit your Library Branch!

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

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POLICE SERVICES BOARD
Monday, January 15, 2018 – 1:00 P.M.
City Hall, 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury

LIBRARY BOARD
Wednesday, January 17, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.
Temiskaming Shores Public Library, New Liskeard Branch,
50 Whitewood Avenue, New Liskeard

REGULAR COUNCIL
Tuesday, February 6, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.
City Hall, 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury

AGE FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

Age Friendly Coffee Hours

Guest Speaker: **Elder Abuse Ontario: 'Tea & Talk'**

Monday, January 15, 2018 @ 10:30 am @ Pool Fitness Centre, 77 Wellington St S, New Liskeard

Tuesday, January 16, 2018 @ 2:00 pm @ Leisure Inn, 509 Ferguson Ave, Haileybury

Indoor Walking

Wednesday, January 17, 2018 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm @ Temiskaming District Secondary School, 90 Niven St N, New Liskeard

Friday, January 19, 2018 @ 9:00 am - 10:30 am @ Northern College Gymnasium, 640 Latchford St, Haileybury

Committees / Boards of Council

The New Liskeard Business Improvement Area (BIA) has two (2) openings available for someone to serve as a volunteer on their Board of Management for the remainder of the term of council (now until November 2018).

An application form can be obtained by contacting the below noted individual. Applicants must be property owners within the catchment area of the BIA.

Completed forms are to be received by the undersigned no later than 4:30 pm, **Thursday, January 25, 2018.**

David B. Treen

Municipal Clerk

P.O. Box 2050; Haileybury, Ont.; P0J 1K0

Phone: 705-672-3363 Ext. 4136

Fax: 705-672-3200

E-mail: dtreen@temiskamingshores.ca

Notice of the Passing of a Zoning By-law

Under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.P.13

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores, passed By-law No. 2017-154 on December 19, 2017, under the provisions of Section 34 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990 c. P.13, as amended.

Purpose and Effect: Zoning By-law 2017-154 is the Comprehensive Zoning By-law for the City of Temiskaming Shores. The Comprehensive Zoning By-law replaces the Township of Dymond Zoning By-law 984, the Town of New Liskeard Zoning By-law 2233, and the Town of Haileybury Zoning By-law 85-27. The Zoning By-law will be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (2014), and conforms to the City of Temiskaming Shores Official Plan.

Key Map: The Comprehensive Zoning By-law applies to all lands within the City of Temiskaming Shores, therefore a key map has not been provided.

Effect of written and oral submissions: Written and oral submissions were considered by Council as outlined in the administrative report package submitted to Council prior to the passing of the by-law.

Appeals: The last date for filing a notice of appeal is **January 23, 2018**. An appeal must be filed with the Clerk of the City of Temiskaming Shores, must set out the reasons for the appeal, and must be accompanied by the fee required by the Ontario Municipal Board.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council, or in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Additional information is available between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at City Hall (325 Farr Drive, Haileybury), on the project website at www.temiskamingshores.ca/zoningproject, or by contacting the undersigned.

Dated this 3rd day of January, 2018.

Jennifer Pye, Planner
City of Temiskaming Shores
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Attention Residents of Temiskaming Shores

The City of Temiskaming Shores has received reports of frozen water services within our distribution system due to minimal snow cover and the recent extreme cold temperatures.

If you have had a frozen water service issue in the past there is a potential risk for freezing at this time. As a result, the Public Works Dept. is requesting that you run your cold water, until further notice, with the flow being the approximate diameter of a pencil.

We thank you for your cooperation. Should you have any questions contact the Public Works Department at 705-647-6220.

Notice

Residents of the City of Temiskaming Shores

Discarded Christmas Tree Collection Schedule

Residents of the City of Temiskaming Shores please take notice that residential discarded Christmas tree collection will take place by means of Public Work Crews, at random and as time permits. Christmas trees must be placed at curbside by no later than **3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 26, 2018 in order to be picked up**. Failing the above; Landfill hours are as follows:

Tuesday through Saturday (closed Sunday & Monday)	Haileybury Landfill Site Firstbrook Line Bucke Twp. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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Works Clerk Competition No. 2018-001

The City of Temiskaming Shores is currently seeking a full time Works Clerk within the Public Works Department. The Works Clerk performs routine administrative duties and coordinates the administrative functions of the Public Works Department. This position receives and redirects the majority of the Department's service requests and calls from the public, and assumes responsibility for routine purchasing procedures and inventories as requested by the Superintendents and/or Department Director.

The successful candidate will possess the following qualifications and education:

- Successful completion of Grade 12 or equivalent is required.
- Post-secondary training in business administration, accounting, purchasing, or related skills preferred.
- Minimum five (5) years previous experience in a senior secretarial/administrative position, preferably in Public Works, Construction or Municipal Operations.
- Ability to understand and comply with written and oral instructions including Health and Safety Regulations.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their cover letter and resumes quoting **Job Competition No. 2018-001** no later than **January 22, 2018** by regular mail or email to:

Kelly Conlin
Director of Corporate Services (A)
P.O. Box 2050
Haileybury, Ontario P0J 1K0
kconlin@temiskamingshores.ca

We appreciate the interest of all applicants however, only those selected for interviews will be contacted. The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores is an equal opportunity employer that provides equality of opportunity for employment without discrimination, consistent with The Ontario Human Rights Code and the candidate's ability to successfully perform the duties of the job.

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Pet Tags are available at the following locations:

- City Hall
- Libraries (Haileybury/New Liskeard)
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- Temiskaming Animal Care and Control
- Temiskaming Animal Hospital
- Temiskaming Veterinarian Services

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TMA supports intersection lighting

Diane Johnston
Speaker Reporter

EARLTON – Temiskaming municipal leaders aren't giving up on a push for illumination at a Highway 11 intersection near Thornloe.

On November 30, the Temiskaming Municipal Association agreed to raise the issue again with the Ontario Ministry of Transportation.

"If ever a corner needed lights, it's that corner," commented Latchford Mayor George Lefebvre.

The Village of Thornloe has lobbied for lighting at the intersection of Highway 11 and Highway 562, which is also crossed by Garden Road.

It noted that two fatalities have occurred at the site in recent years, and pointed to the illumination of Nine-Mile Corner, at the intersection of Hwy. 11 and Hwy. 569, to the south.

But the ministry rejected its request.

It said it reviewed the request for lighting, taking into consideration factors that included lane configuration, operating speeds, stop controls, nighttime highway operations and environmental factors.

It found that the intersection did not meet its minimum justifications for illumination.

But Lefebvre described it as "a potentially dangerous intersection."

"Their response is wrong," he said.

It's particularly hazardous when farm machinery, sometimes towing multiple grain boxes, is crossing the highway at night, said Armstrong Township Councillor Dominique Nackers.

Association members agreed to invite the ministry to a meeting in 2018.

At that time, they said they'd express concerns over the intersection as well as discuss winter road maintenance measures.



SKATE-IN MOVIE

Steph Ethier, 11, of North Cobalt took in both a skate and a movie when the Temiskaming Shores and Area Chamber of Commerce hosted an on-ice screening of *Skating to New York*. The movie was filmed in and around Temiskaming Shores in 2013. The screening and free public skate was a chance to recognize area residents who had been involved in the production, said the chamber's Helene Culhane. More than 175 people of all ages – and skating abilities – came from as far away as Englehart and Temagami for the January 6 event at the Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)



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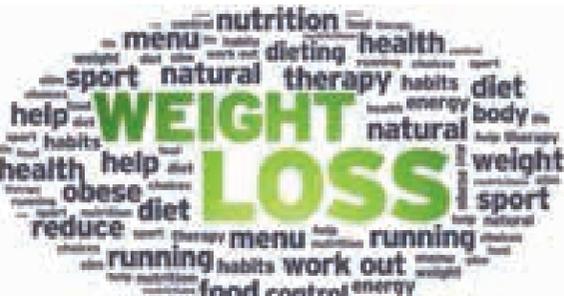
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Our Januarys

During this, the longest month of the year, we've been shut in with bitterly cold temperatures, which are enough to give anyone cabin fever.

The lack of sunshine and the fact we are all broke after Christmas doesn't help either. The wicked wind last week shook me like an otter shakes a trout in its mouth.

Lard Jaysus, it's a cold nor-easter out thar.

Can you tell I've been reading Farley Mowat lately? Ha, ha.

We are brought into this season of cold and misery to perhaps hone our humility.

There are many among us struggling to pay the rent, the heat, buy food and make ends meet.

A person living on minimum wage is what we label the "working poor."

Ontario leads all other provinces with roughly a third of its workforce earning minimum wage.

Poverty is an issue affecting all of Ontario, but particularly more so in this region.

Having said that, the minimum wage just increased from \$11.60 per hour to \$14 an hour.

It's no secret the issue of the minimum wage increase has come to a boiling point in Ontario.

I begrudge no one the right to earn a decent living but I sympathize with the business owners. The increase was just too fast and too much.

Why not grandfather those increases in to allow businesses to adapt?

And if you are angry about the increases don't take it out on workers, but rather direct it toward the Wynne government in this, an election year.



Sue Nielsen

Every critic of the minimum wage increase should try living on that wage for a month.

Remember, major corporations employ about 50 per cent of all minimum wage workers in this province.

Concern over the increases appears not to favour a worker's well being but more to increase profit margins. And since long before that some large corporations have begun to change their workforce with mechanized positions to increase those profit margins.

I am sorry but I refuse to use an automated checkout machine.

By the time you and I brush our teeth in the morning a CEO of a major Ontario company will have earned more than we do in a month.

Canada's highest paid CEOs netted 209 times more than the average worker.

Poverty is what holds us back as individuals, communities and nations.

It is not a natural phenomenon and is man-made if you will.

Sometimes we close our eyes and look away from the suffering of others. This is called privilege.

Is it any wonder food banks are overwhelmed with need?

Poverty wages affect the working people of Northern Ontario.

Poor people are hard working, honest and kind.

We mustn't discount their life of "Januarys."

EDITORIAL

Four times likely

Let's start off this editorial with a dismal statistic but a revealing one nonetheless.

People living in Northeastern Ontario are four times more likely to die in highway accidents than other parts of the province.

It appears that statistic bore out when four fatalities occurred in less than 24 hours in three separate areas within the Northeast region last week.

A New Liskeard man was killed just south of Earlton, a man was killed on Highway 144 just south of the Timmins turn off and two Bonfield Township residents died in a crash on Highway 17 in East Ferris.

This carnage is horrible and tragic.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and friends of the people who died on the roads and to the first responders who attended the scenes.

Until the problems of winter road travel are solved there are several precautionary measures we can all take to do our part to make our roads safer.

All drivers need to practice safe driving methods on winter roads which means to slow down and drive according to weather and road conditions, have winter tires installed on vehicles, avoid texting and take extra time to arrive at your destination, alive and safe.

Changing ice conditions

At the beginning of this week ice conditions on area lakes had changed.

Lake Temiskaming froze early this year and ice levels were built up over the 13-day cold snap we had beginning boxing day ending this past Sunday.

With the full weight of the weekend snow there appeared to be large swaths of open water and slushy sections.

Slushy lakes pose a problem for area anglers if you aren't aware of changing conditions.

Slush pockets can be large and deep and when slush appears it is a sign of melting ice.

While slush may not indicate ice has thawed all the way, it is a signal ice isn't freezing, as it should be.

Snowmachines can become bogged down in slush and if boots are wet then that poses another problem concerning hypothermia.

Make sure to travel in groups, let someone know where and when you are going onto area lakes and be prepared for all types of extreme ice conditions.

If you are one of the many ice hut owners in the region or just like to get out for a day of fishing, we wish you a fun, angling season on area lakes.

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A united Canada without the monarchy

Dear editor,
Canada and England would fit seamlessly into the international community without the monarchy.

It is not accidental that the great majority of nations are republics. It has been the result of humanity's long groping in the dark, tribulations and sacrifices.

Its first and greatest benefit for Canada is that it will deliver a forceful disincentive to the separatist movement in Quebec because after the disposal of the monarchy, everyone across the land will take the oath of allegiance to Canada itself. We will pledge allegiance to one another and that *per se* will awaken a great sense of commitment, responsibility, and belonging in all of us.

Let us for the duration of time that it takes to read this article set aside the fact of the Aboriginals' existence on this continent from time immemorial and state another fact that the French came here before the English and later on lost the

colonial war to England and England unilaterally declared sovereignty over the entire land and dumped the monarchy on it. Wars are not any different from sports in the sense that sometimes you win and sometimes you lose and to take the oath of allegiance to the English monarch simply perpetuates the feeling of a past loss.

France is a major world power and several generations ago with its Revolution of 1789 it abolished the monarchy and the parasitism that went with it, ended the *ancien regime* (old system), and became the source of inspiration for the rest of the world. Now, what does it mean to a "free French citizen" to come all the way to Canada for a new life only to be labelled as "the subject" of the English monarch? Who is anyone else to decide how French Canadians should feel about taking the oath of allegiance to the English monarch?

As humanity's experience has shown, a monarchy has

never been a marketable system. All monarchies by their nature breed untold privileges based on someone's birth and have been crumbling one after the other and, very fortunately, nowadays it is impossible to convince a republic to convert its system to a monarchy.

What are we waiting for here in Canada? Are we waiting for the English to arouse from their coma to dispose of the monarchy before we decide to become a republic? The monarchy has always worked for Canadian politicians.

One politician after the other has sought the highest office only for the sake of becoming the Prime Minister and the rest was to deal with the day-to-day routines of the office and at the end to collect a fat retirement paycheque!

We must salute Australia for moving in the direction of a republican system. Its former prime minister, Julia Gillard, had the courage to make it her political platform during her

campaign to end the monarchy in Australia and when the Queen visited Australia, she had the courage of her convictions and delivered the message by standing tall and graceful and refusing to curtsy. What a great and unforgettable moment it was for a nation moving towards a republican system! Unfortunately, a coterie of misguided and sexist politicians did everything they could to bring her down, but they cannot stop Australia from moving forward.

English Canada is satisfied to think that the separatist movement will go away on its own while the monarchy is firmly in place, but the hard facts indicate that it is alive and well and only simmers down from time to time. Rene Levesque, the founder of the separatist Parti Quebecois, and the first Quebec premier from that party, resigned from politics in late 1985 and to this date we have had five more Parti Quebecois premiers in Quebec and there

will be more in the years to come.

This leads us to the fair conclusion that it now only takes a great and charismatic leader to rise to power and give at least the majority of the voters, if not all of them, enough get-up-and-go to say yes to sovereignty. The dire consequences are that the cost to all of us will be astronomically high and unbearable and still worse is the fact that after the break-up the rest of Canada will become a bird's nest on the ground for the United States.

Time is marching on very fast and we must act decisively. We must stop once and for all falsely and complacently pointing fingers at French Canadians. Instead, we must train our eyes and our united efforts towards removing the actual cause, which is the monarchy and its divisive effect on our lives in Canada.

Jeffrey Cunningham,
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GEMS urging political push for Hwy. 11 pilot project

Diane Johnston
Speaker Reporter

EARLTON – A campaign is continuing for a pilot project testing a new road design in an effort to improve safety on Highway 11.

The GEMS committee – Going the Extra Mile for Safety – recently met with Ministry of Transportation engineering staff, said Carman Kidd, a committee member and mayor of Temiskaming Shores.

“They were quite interested,” Kidd told the Temiskaming Municipal Association November 30.

The committee is advocating for the so-called “2 plus 1” design. It would create a third, continuous passing lane.

The lane would alternate between directions of travel every two to three kilometres, with a barrier of high-tension cables on posts separating traffic moving in opposite directions.

It’s been used in Sweden and some other European jurisdictions. In Sweden, the committee found it’s been credited with reducing fatalities by more than 60 per cent.

Kidd urged that the political push continue for the installation of a pilot project on a 25-kilometre stretch of highway somewhere between North Bay and Cochrane.

He was told that almost 20 letters of support have to date been received by Ontario’s transportation minister.

He said the ministry plans to do another traffic study between North Bay and Temiskaming Shores.

Local officials argue that traffic volumes have increased over the past two to three years, he said.



GATHERING OF CHIEFS

The Temiskaming Shores Fire Department recently held their annual Firefighters Appreciation and Awards Banquet at Riverside Place in New Liskeard. Among those taking part in the evening were, from the left, current New Liskeard station chief Jamie Sheppard; Bud Carr who was chief from 1981-1988; Brett Medland who was chief from 2003-2005; Gord Christo who was chief from 1989-2002 and current Deputy Chief Rod McNair. (Staff photo by Steven Larocque)

Timmins trustee new Board ONE chair

TIMMINS (Special/Staff) – A new trustee is at the helm of the region’s English public school board.

Timmins trustee Bob Brush was acclaimed chair of District School Board Ontario North East (ONE) at the board’s inaugural meeting December 5.

A trustee for the past seven years, Brush has served four years as vice-chair.

In a news release, Brush predicted that 2018, the final year of trustees’ four-year term, will be “both challenging and rewarding.”

He said the board will develop a new strategic plan, continue to implement data-based decision-making strate-



Bob Brush

ments for any possible sharing opportunities.”

He succeeds Doug Shearer, trustee for Haileybury, Cobalt, Coleman and Temagami. Shearer had served six years as the board’s chair, and did not seek re-election.

The board’s new vice-chair is Dennis Draves, who has been the Cochrane area’s trustee for 11 years.

“Our board works very well together,” said Draves, who was also acclaimed.

“I think over the coming year we have to try and figure out what is the best way to provide opportunities for our students to deal with the future.

“Things are moving so fast.”

Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ihey

Make and Keep New Year’s Weight Loss Resolutions

If better eating habits and getting to a healthier weight are among your new year’s resolutions, give yourself a pat on the back for making your health and yourself a priority! Now comes the hard part...sticking to it!

Make (and Meet) Mini Goals

A goal that’s too big can be so overwhelming that you never even get started toward meeting it. Make small changes every week and they will add up in time. It’s easier to move small stones, one at a time, rather than a whole mountain. Here are some examples of weekly changes you could incorporate into mini-goals:

- Week one: drink 8 glasses of water per day
- Week two: park your car so you have to walk a greater distance
- Week three: cut fried foods from your diet

The small changes you can adapt to as your new way of life will be what leads you to long-term success.

Weight loss is not an easy thing to do in the best of circumstances so don’t try to go it alone. Try to encourage a friend or family member to help you.

The best weight loss is slow and steady – one to two pounds per week. Most people take years to gain the weight, so there is no reason we should expect it to come off in a short time.

Don’t just say you’re going to join a gym – do it! Sign up for membership to the Temagami Community Fitness Centre. Membership fees are very affordable - \$20 per month for adults, \$12 per month for seniors or \$15 per month for students. As a member, you will have access to the fitness centre 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! Drop in to the Temagami Medical Centre today to take a tour, try out our new universal weight machine and/or to buy your membership.

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ENGINEERING HELP

A \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to Chloé Peddie (left) of New Liskeard, an engineering student registered in an accredited engineering program, by the Temiskaming Chapter of Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO). Peddie has demonstrated excellence in her scholastic achievements, community involvement, volunteerism, and interest in the engineering profession. Chair of the Temiskaming Chapter of the PEO, Maria Story, presented the scholarship to Peddie who is currently enrolled in Civil Engineering at the University of Ottawa. The Temiskaming Chapter of the PEO wishes Chloé great success. (Supplied photo)

Tale of a Town nearing completion

Diane Johnston
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES – Online followers of a series about Canadian main streets may find some stories from the South Temiskaming area in the coming weeks.

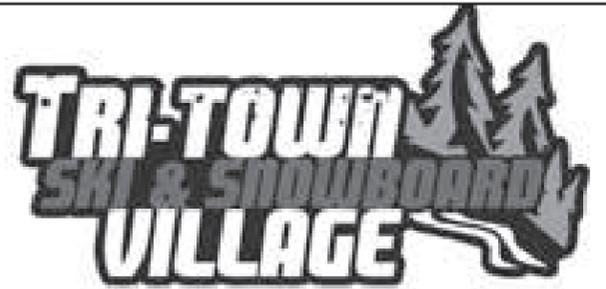
A podcast of stories collected by the Tale of a Town team in Temiskaming Shores, Cobalt and the Timiskaming First Nation in the summer is in “late draft form,” said Aidan Morishita-Miki, one of the project’s “story gathering artists” in an email.

But excerpts from some individual stories will be posted on the project’s website, he said.

The team visited the area in July, setting up its distinctive Storymobile outfitted with recording equipment at locations in New Liskeard, Haileybury,

Cobalt and the Timiskaming First Nation. podcast up to 30 minutes in length.

Over one week, Morishita-Miki said the touring team, aided by local assistants, interviewed 78 individuals. Their stories will be stitched into a To learn more about The Tale of the Town project and to hear free podcasts about communities it has visited, go to www.thetaleofatown.com.



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 15. Once again
 16. Abated
 18. Peril
 20. Pickup section
 21. Neither ____ nor reason
 23. Dinner gong
 27. Alpine heroine
 30. Social insect
 32. Librarian's date
 33. Serving of corn
 34. Passenger ship
 36. Great rage
 37. Inquire
 38. Roadside hotel
 39. Speak
 41. Intermission
 43. Exaggerated comedy
 45. It gives a hoot
 47. Said yes
 51. Denver's state
 55. ZIP numbers
 56. Wonderment
 57. Discharge
 58. Compel
 59. Wooden pin
 60. Beatty and Sparks
 61. Nest sound

- DOWN**
1. Bridge term
 2. Walking aid
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 8. Tableland
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 10. Naval agreement
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 17. Fade away
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 25. Fisherman's fly
 26. Nasty look
 27. Get word
 28. "____ on Down the Road"
 29. Ticks off
 31. Pickup, e.g.
 35. Incite
 40. Tempest in a ____
 42. Furthermore
 44. Plant anchors
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 48. Past years
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Horoscopes

Answers For Crossword on 2b

CAPRICORN

Your hard work will pay off and you won't go unnoticed. You'll feel especially creative this week and might start working on a sizeable art project.



AQUARIUS

If you're still searching for your ideal career, this week might bring you the answers you need. One of your loved ones will need your support.



PISCES

The holidays are finally over and you can get back to your usual routine. You'll succeed in finding more time for your social life, but make sure you don't overexert yourself.



ARIES

At work, you'll be tasked with a project that only you have the skills to complete. At home, you'll round up the whole family for a floor-to-ceiling cleaning spree.



TAURUS

A quick look at last-minute deals may prompt you to book a seat on an upcoming flight. You definitely need a vacation, and it won't take much to convince you to start packing your bags.



GEMINI

There's nothing more important than your health. Your doctor should finally be able to diagnose the cause of your longstanding troubles and offer a solution that'll have you healed in no time.



CANCER

At work or elsewhere, expect to play the role of mediator or negotiator. You'll find a solution to a problem with union members or an unsatisfied client.



LEO

Paperwork will pile up on your desk all week. You'll have not only a ton of work at the office but also lots of cleaning to do at home.



VIRGO

You'll earn applause for one reason or another. Some people might start placing you on a pedestal. You'll have every reason to be proud of yourself.



LIBRA

You'll feel the need to reconnect with an estranged loved one. You're on a roll this week! But be careful to not spend too much money, as circumstances can change in the blink of an eye.



SCORPIO

You'll have a lot to say this week. Whether the topic is vacation time or family drama, you won't hesitate to weigh in on all kinds of conversations. At work, expect to come to a long-awaited agreement with a co-worker.



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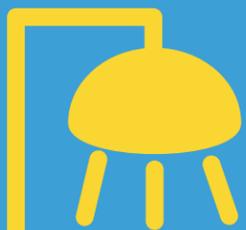
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